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With shovels, rescuers seek bodies in Mexican village



LA PINTADA (AFP) - Using shovels and pickaxes, hundreds of rescuers dug on Friday a mountain of mud that buried a Mexican village, making little progress in finding scores of missing people.

Soldiers, marines and civil

protection workers toiled through the night in La Pintada, a coffee-growing village in the mountains west of the Pacific resort of Acapulco.

The little village has become ground zero of two devastating storms that swept

across Mexico this week, flooding cities, breaking bridges and killing some 100 people nationwide.

Almost 70 people vanished following Monday's mudslide in La Pintada, but the rescuers have only pulled two bodies from the mess of mud and broken homes so far amid constant drizzling rain.

The municipality's mayor has said that the residents had removed 15 bodies before the authorities arrived.

Without tractors or excavators to work with, the rescuers have had to resort to hand-held tools or their bare hands to remove the debris that swallowed the hamlet of 400 people.

21-seat parliament, activities and confrontations between differing factions can become heated.

Working under the auspices of Aruba's Chamber of Commerce, (KvK) the Commission Bon Boluntad (CBB) is a group of well-recognized and respected members of the community charged with monitoring Aruba's electoral process on a non-partisan basis.

President of this year's commission, Glenn Thodé, former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Aruba, served as the appointed Lt. Governor of Bonaire for three years and returned to Aruba as Rector of the University of Aruba. He and other committee members welcomed media to the KvK building on Thursday afternoon, September 19, for a last cautionary statement during the final, frenzied days of politicking, particularly this weekend when mass rallies and motorcades have been scheduled.

Such rallies often are accompanied by over indulgence of alcohol, resulting in regrettable and embarrassing incidences. The CBB recognized that this behavior is not endorsed by the candidates and party leaders, but stated they should take responsibility for what is generated by their official sanctioned events. They charge the party leaders and organizers to prevent such behavior, particularly where it can be observed by island youth, as it sets a very bad example. They have also noticed that the safety of youngsters is also neglected in the crowds and crush of these rallies and motorcades, and ask that those participating leave their children at home, whenever possible.

Police Commissioner Trudy Hassell, a member of the CBB, responded affirmatively when asked by island press if the same strict procedures deployed during Carnival and other events will be used to curb drinking and driving during the motorcades.

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ImSan Inaugurates new Dialysis section in San Nicolas



ImSan has recently unveiled the remodeled and adapted section of the Centro Medico Dr. R. Engelbrecht building to accommodate a full fledged Dialysis section. This new facility is expected to benefit patients from across the island, but particularly those from the San Nicolas and surrounding area.

In a conversation with the financial director of ImSan, Gregory Croeze, he elaborated on the various aspects related to this new Dialysis section. After receiving fi-

nancial support, ImSan took over the Dialysis Clinic Posada, including their personnel and some of the equipment.

ImSan has invested about 2 million Aruban florins, of which 1 million was to make the changes and the necessary adaptation of the building to accommodate the Dialysis equipment and services.

ImSan also invested in new equipment, such as special chairs for Dialysis and a reverse osmosis system from Germany. The equipment



brought in from abroad are among the most modern on the international market.

Patients from San Nicolas will be particularly pleased with this new service... much closer to home. They no longer have to travel all the way to Oranjestad for their weekly Dialysis.

ImSan has a capacity for treating 40 Dialysis patients with the possibility for expanding to 72 patients. For

expansion ImSan will need more specialized nurses. Dr. Rajherc recently travelled to Holland to explore the possibility for recruiting more specialized personnel.

The Center also intends to offer Peritoneal Dialysis in the future. ImSan currently offers what is called Hemo Dialysis which is a system of dialysis via a patient's vein. In the future ImSan will prepare two teams to do Peritoneal Dialysis as well. This is another dialysis process using a catheter which passes via the

patient's stomach.

As of 2013, ImSan has an agreement with Baptist Health South Florida (BHSF) to adapt the building at the Centro Medico to accommodate an Oncology Center. One of ImSan's goals is to obtain JCI certification with the help and support of BHSF. The objective is to eventually attract medical tourism especially from our region. ImSan expressed gratitude to AZV and the Clinica Posada for their cooperation in achieving this important project.

Commission Bon Boluntad urges caution...

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Breathalyzer equipment will be carried by the police supervising the events, and will be administered frequently to all those behind the wheel of a vehicle. Driving under the influence will result in confinement until the offender is judged completely sober. Fines will be administered for DUI offences.

The CBB reminds all candidates and their supporters to respect the rights of other parties in presenting their opinions and distributing their campaign materials. Consequently, they also ask those campaigning for their

party or favorite candidate respect the public and their need to get to work, school or appointments in a timely manner. Holding up traffic at crucial intersections to distribute stickers and other materials is a nuisance for commuters. Several incidences of teachers and students being late to school because of these practices have been reported.

"Aruba is a free, democratic nation, with free elections," cited Glenn Thode, "this means respect for all in their beliefs, race, religion and political preferences.

This is the foundation of our community and way of life, it is important to preserve it during these critical events." The committee observes and reports infractions to the proper authorities, which will act upon them.

The CBB can be contact at telephone number 582-1120 ext 3441 or via e-mail: secretariat@arubachamber.com. For more information on the CBB, its function and the laws enabling it, visit the KvK website:

<http://www.arubachamber.com/downloads/others/comision-bon-boluntad>.

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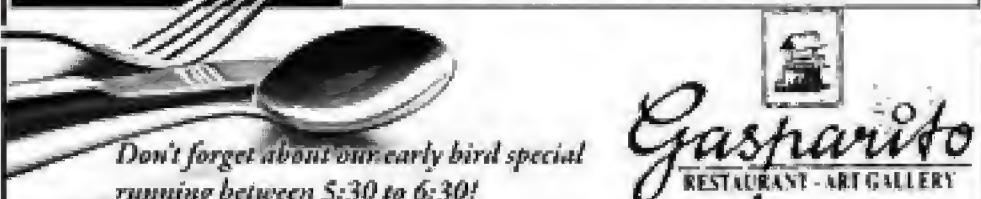
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US grants Venezuela permission to enter airspace

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said Friday it granted access to its airspace so Venezuela's president can fly to China, denying claims by Caracas that permission was denied.

On Thursday, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro bristled with outrage at the "serious offense" of denying his plane rights to US airspace for the weekend voyage.

The leftist leader -- successor to the late anti-US firebrand Hugo Chavez -- also accused the US of refusing visas to some of the members of his delegation to the UN General Assembly opening next week in New York.

But the United States said it had in fact granted fly-over rights, and denied that visas had been withheld from the Venezuelan delegation.

"The US has granted permission to Venezuelan authorities to enter US airspace," deputy State Department spokeswoman

Marie Harf said in an email.

"I can tell you that no visas have been denied for the Venezuelan delegation to this year's UN General Assembly," she added later.

Harf said that although the air space request was not submitted properly, US authorities worked with the Venezuelan embassy to resolve the issue.

"US authorities made an extraordinary effort to work with relevant authorities to grant overflight approval in a matter of hours," Harf said.

"As a result we were able to notify the Venezuelan authorities last night that permission was granted."

Harf said the request for diplomatic clearance for the aircraft -- which she said was not a state aircraft as required for such clearance -- to enter the airspace with just a day's notice.

"Diplomatic flight clearances are required to be made with three days advance notice," she said.



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The Government of Aruba has Invested 500 Million Florins from 2010 to 2013 to improve the Purchasing Power of Arubans and to Stimulate the Economy: the Results are Clear and Positive

Oranjestad – In 2009, there had been not only a physical deterioration of Aruba's infrastructure, city centers and neighborhoods, but also a national deterioration caused by a substantial loss of purchasing power. The Administration of Mike Eman implemented an economic stimulus plan with the goal of improving the purchasing power of Arubans and to stimulate the economy with major investments in the areas of infrastructure, urban renewal and alternative energy.

From the very first day of taking office in 2009, the Government of Mike Eman began the process of creating a fairer and more just Aruba where those with less re-

sources would see an increase in their purchasing power. The Government began by reducing the BBO tax by half which resulted in an injection of 80 Million Florins into the economy. The Government also increased welfare assistance to families from 325 Florins to 410 Florins, and from 140 Florins to 174 Florins for each family member. The Government also made history by introducing a "schoolkinderentoeslag" in the year 2010 and even increased this to 200 Florins in 2011.

With this same goal of helping the most vulnerable in Aruba's society, the Administration of Mike Eman introduced a purchasing

power compensation provision ("reparatietoeslag") to the tax laws, which would benefit those citizens making less than 2,500 Florins per month, and which also would restructure the old age pension law ("AOV") to provide relief to those with lower incomes.

In this way, the Administration of Mike Eman has not only been investing in the Aruban economy but also making an investment in the Aruban people and the social capital of the Aruban community.

Since taking office in late 2009, the Administration of Mike Eman has reduced the water tariff by 33% and reduced the electricity tariff by 16%. This substantial reduction in the price of water and electricity not only has benefitted our citizens and increased their purchasing power, but it has increased the competitiveness of Aruba as a location for investment and business, by both Arubans and foreigners.

In 2009, the Administration of Mike Eman took office and found the public finances of the government in

shambles, a pension fund in poor condition, an economy in recession and a lack of dialogue and cooperation between the government and its social partners and its strategic partners, such as KLM and Carnival Cruise Lines.

The Government -- through its collaborative approach known as "Social Dialogue" -- reached an agreement with its public employees to help recover some of their lost purchasing power over the years leading up to 2009 and to give due re-

spect to them and their judicial position, which had been neglected by the previous administration.

The Administration of Mike Eman has worked hard to reverse the negative trends it encountered when it assumed office in 2009, and it has succeeded with concrete achievements in improving the quality of life of Arubans. The \$500 Million Florins investment by the Government has been put to good use and will continue to have long term benefits for many years.

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Announcing a multi-million-dollar investment
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According to plans currently on the table, construction will begin in the coming months, this after Diamonds International purchased the entire building which is currently Port of Call. After making a multi-million-dollar investment, the company will convert the entire mall into one jewelry store, the largest in the world for the Diamonds International firm. All of this at the entrance of the port, to welcome tourists visiting the island by cruise ship.

In addition to making a contribution to the beautification of the Oranjestad city center, the investment will also contribute to the island's economy. The renovations and construction work will

of Keisha Williams and William Daly, who have at least six years of experience within the company. They have both booked great successes in other markets, including Cozumel, Mexico; Grand Cayman; Alaska, U.S.A.; Jamaica and Roatan, Honduras.

Diamonds International Aruba will expand from the 500 square meters which the company currently has available to approximately 1,800 square meters. The entire Port of Call building will be converted into one large jewelry store, which includes special sections for renowned brands, as well as a VIP Area. The design is fresh and modern, to comply with the high-



undoubtedly provide more jobs in that segment, while the jewelry store will also need to employ more people once it has been expanded. Once completed, Diamonds International will without doubt become a landmark in the efforts of the upgrading process ongoing in Oranjestad.

With the vision of growth in mind, Diamonds International presented a new management team, which will take the jewelry store to the next level. Daily management is currently in the hands

of Keisha Williams and William Daly, who have at least six years of experience within the company. They have both booked great successes in other markets, including Cozumel, Mexico; Grand Cayman; Alaska, U.S.A.; Jamaica and Roatan, Honduras.

tourism economy better than Aruba's and we are very proud to be part of this destination's package," Keisha Williams expressed. "We have closely followed all the developments of the renovations in the Oranjestad city center and with much anticipation, like many other companies, we are very proud to do business in a country that invests so much in protecting its past and builds for its future."

During construction, Diamonds International will make all efforts to keep up the appearance of the building and cover its construction site. The company is developing a project together with schools, to recruit young artists in the coming weeks to help decorate the plywood that will be used to cover the construction site. Particularly at the back of the building tourists will have a special view of our young artists' creativity from their cruise ship as it sails into the port.

Diamonds International is a private company, a family business managed by two brothers and their sister, Albert, Morris and Donna Gad. The jewelry business is advertised as the largest duty free jewelry firm in the world. Diamonds International headquarters are in New York. The company was founded in 1986 with an investment of merely US\$ 10,000 on the island of St. Thomas and currently operates more than 130 stores in Antigua, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, Costa Maya, Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Curaçao, Honduras, Juneau, Ketchikan, Key West, Mazatlan, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Vallarta, San Jose del Cabo, Skagway, St. Kitts, St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Turks & Caicos.

The main objective of the company is to market principally to cruise passengers, by establishing its stores close to ports where there is heavy foot traffic. Diamonds International operates its stores under the names Diamonds International, Tanzanite International, DI Watch & Design, Watches International, Amsterdam Diamond Gallery, DI Collection and Tequila International.



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World Alzheimer's Day: September 21

World Alzheimer's Day, September 21st of each year, is a day on which Alzheimer's organizations around the world concentrate their efforts on raising awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a group of disorders that impairs mental functioning.

5 Things You Must Know for Alzheimer's Action Day

One thing you can do? Wear purple to show your support! And there's more, according to the Alzheimer's Association, which suggests using their icon on your Facebook and Twitter profile for the day.

You can also share your personal story about Alzheimer's or if you want, make a donation or participate in a Walk to End Alzheimer's.

With an aging population (baby boomers are turning 65 at the rate of 8,000 a day), the number of people who have symptoms of Alzheimer's (problems with memory, thinking, and behavior) are only going to go up. In fact, by 2050, the number of people with Alzheimer's could triple. Here's what you need to know.

Alzheimer's isn't "normal" aging. Run-of-the-mill memory loss shouldn't be confused for Alzheimer's. We all suffer from memory lapses from time to time and it's often caused by nothing more than sleep deprivation, stress, or maybe a vitamin deficiency. Alzheimer's, which can vary from brain to brain, is a form of dementia that is progressive; it may start with someone forgetting what you just said or repeating things over and over again and worsen to the point where the person is disoriented and can't reason, talk, or move.

Alzheimer's affects the whole family. "Spouses and adult children (and sometimes grandchildren) tend to take

care of the person as the disease progresses, mostly in their homes, because it's just what families do," says expert Paula Spencer Scott, author of *Surviving Alzheimer's* (November 2013), who has had four family members with dementia and was recently a panelist with Leeza Gibbons for Conversations in Caregiving at AlzheimersDisease.com.

"Caring for a family member with Alzheimer's can be an emotionally, logically, physically, and financially taxing job for which few of us are prepared," she says. "And it can go on for years as you watch the person you love recede in slow motion. That's a unique package of stressors—on relationships, on jobs, and on health."

There is no cure for Alzheimer's—yet. The five FDA-approved drugs available today mask the symptoms but don't currently treat the causes of Alzheimer's. Part of the purpose of Alzheimer's Alert Day is to raise awareness about the need for more research.

It really does take a village. If you're caring for someone with Alzheimer's, it's critically important that you realize you can't go it alone, says Scott. "You need practical help as well as emotional support." Talk to the patient's doctor for suggestions and reach out to Alzheimer's organizations (Alz.org, Alzheimersdisease.com), which might have local chapters, or a site like Caring.com, which specializes in supporting families.

How critical is it to find your "village"?

"It's actually common for caregivers to get too sick to continue or to be outlived by the person with Alzheimer's. So you have to see your own self care as something you're doing for the good of the person in your care," Scott says.

Police expects good behavior from all this weekend



This weekend, the Police has issued various permits for different activities of the different political parties. Being the last weekend before election it is expected that sympathizers and fans may be more active than normal. Hence, the need for a conscientious effort to behave within the confines of the law and with respect for others and their particular view.

Chief of Police Dolfi Richardson indicated that thus far the behavior of political sympathizers and fans has been excellent from all political parties. Despite the many activities, such as BBQ events, musical activities, parades, ect., everything has been conducted very well and without any misbehavior.

"I have no reason to think

that our behavior will change. Even so I would like to ask all party leaders to request of their followers to follow the rules and respect the property and opinion of others. Be aware that not everyone is part of the political events, so the traffic must flow freely without any obstruction, so that those who have to reach their destination can do so.

All police departments and teams will be working this weekend, including auto patrols, patrol on motorbike, bicycle, and the K-9 unit. All will be in an effort to guarantee the safety and insist on public order from everyone.

Next week, September 27th, Aruba goes to the polls to vote for a new government! Obviously, this will be a time when many people will be on the streets going and coming from voting booths.

"At the end of the day we want to show the world that Aruba can be an example at how to celebrate democracy," said Chief of Police Dolfi Richardson.

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Prime Minister Eman: "Now we all can be even more proud of our beautiful Island"

From the very moment the Administration of Mike Eman took over the reins of government at the end of 2009, it began to restore the Island and its infrastructure, which had been neglected for so many years. Indeed, even before taking office, Mike Eman mobilized volunteers to restore the Government Building that had been abandoned by the previous government.

Everywhere in 2009 there were government buildings that had become ruins -- empty and decaying. The roads --which had not been constructed to accommodate so many automobiles -- were in dire need of improvement. The schools were in poor condition and desperately needed repairs. Entire neighborhoods were met with indifference from the previous government, and many families were going through difficult times. Neighbors were no longer living side by side as they once did with a feeling of community and togetherness -- with a

spirit that "we are all in this together and should look out for one another."

At the beginning of the new government, Prime Minister Mike Eman walked through all the neighborhoods and he noticed that few people were involved in the activities of their neighborhoods. People seemed to keep a distance from one another unlike in the past. He found this to be a shame because ultimately it was always the strength of Aruba's families and close knit neighborhood that had made Aruba such a great and dynamic country. After much thought, research and planning, Prime Minister Eman developed and then launched the plan Bo Aruba (Your Aruba) to make great changes in the well-being of Aruba and its people and to restore its sense of community.

At the time, Prime Minister said: "I believe that if we work together, shoulder to shoulder, we can restore Aruba back to its grandeur.

Aruba can once again become the island where we live in harmony with one another. Where people help one another and together we work to improve our neighborhoods. Our roads have to be in optimal condition, our schools must be places where our youth look forward to attending and can study in comfort and safety. Aruba must be an island where our elderly and sick have the necessary care they so richly deserve. Aruba must be a beautiful, clean and attractive island for our visitors too, because they help our economy to thrive."

To achieve this goal, the Administration of Mike Eman established an active and far-reaching program called Bo Aruba (Your Aruba). Government made major investments to improve the infrastructure of our island. These investments helped to repair our schools and neighborhoods, to construct new roads, and to renovate extensively the city

centers of Oranjestad and San Nicolas. But the physical changes in and of themselves are not enough for our people; beautiful new buildings mean nothing if the people who live and work in them do not have a sense of community with one another.

To that end, the Bo Aruba project also worked to improve the quality of life of within neighborhoods. It also is critically important that we treat our visitors well because tourism is the most important source of our revenue. From Plan Bo Aruba emerged Plan Bo Bario (Your Neighborhood) to focus exclusively on improving life in each neighborhood. The Government with the residents themselves worked tirelessly to improve many neighborhoods and communities in Aruba. The project restored schools and neighborhood centers, and it also built and repaired recreational parks, gardens, and sports facilities.

The social aspect of buildings and parks received a

great deal of attention in the Bo Aruba Project. Special emphasis was given to projects that would bring residents of a neighborhood closer together. Neighborhoods that lacked street lights now have them, and the safety and security of communities are now enhanced dramatically. By illuminating the neighborhoods, criminality has no chance of taking hold.

Prime Minister Eman visited neighborhoods constantly; he walked and talked with the residents and listened attentively to their concerns. He made their concerns his personal priority, and the people appreciated his personal commitment and received him with great enthusiasm and open arms. The improvement of the neighborhoods was undertaken with the full participation of every resident and interest group in the community, including the police as well as social, sport and cultural groups.

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The residents of these neighborhoods were involved in every way possible in the improvements that were taking place within and around their communities. Today, the Administration of Mike Eman and all of Aruba can feel even more proud of their beautiful island. Where there were ruins, the Government restored these buildings. Where paved roads were needed, the Government built them. Where street lights were needed, the Government installed them. Where the centers of San Nicolas and Oranjestad had been neglected and declined, the Government restored and renovated them, making them more attractive for residents and tourists alike, as well for further private investment and the jobs that brings. The Aruba of today is completely different from the Aruba the Administration of Mike Eman found at the end of 2009: a difference of night and day.

Syria submits chemical data to watchdog

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria has begun supplying details of its chemical arsenal, the world's chemical weapons watchdog said on Friday, as rebels agreed a truce with jihadists in a key border town.

A senior Syrian official, meanwhile, said Damascus wanted a ceasefire in the 30-month war, which has reportedly killed more than 110,000 people and forced more than two million to flee.

Ahead of Saturday's deadline for President Bashar al-Assad's regime to provide details on its arsenal, the Hague-based group tasked with dismantling the arms said it has received an initial report.

"The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has received an initial disclosure from the Syrian government of its chemical weapons programme," an OPCW statement said.

Its Technical Secretariat is now examining the details, it said.

A UN diplomat said the OPCW had received the Syrian declaration on Thursday. "It is quite lengthy," he said.

The organisation has postponed a meeting of its Executive Council set for Sunday that had been due to discuss how to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons programme.

Damascus had until Saturday to supply details of its arsenal, in line with a US-Russian plan that helped prevent military action on regime targets following a chemical attack last month that killed hundreds of people.

The plan stipulates that Assad's regime hand over its chemical weapons and facilities, which would be destroyed by mid-2014.

US Secretary of State John Kerry said he and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov spoke on the telephone Friday about a "strong" UN Security Council resolution on ridding Syria of chemical weapons.

"We talked about the cooperation which we both agreed to continue to provide, moving not only towards the adoption of the OPCW rules and regulations, but also a resolution that is firm and strong within the United Nations," Kerry said.

"We will continue to work on that," said Kerry.

The Security Council's five permanent members -- the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain -- have been wrangling over the text of the resolution since Monday in a bid to find common ground.

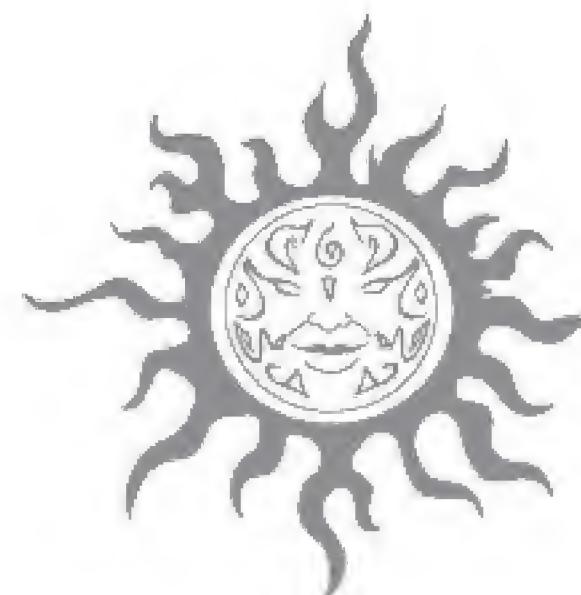
'Grand Theft Auto V' sales race past \$1 billion

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - "Grand Theft Auto V" raked in more than a billion dollars in a record-shattering first three days on the streets for the unabashedly violent videogame, the publisher announced on Friday.

Take-Two Interactive Software said it believed that the blistering pace of GTA V sales "marks the fastest (of) any entertainment property, including video games and feature films."

The GTA franchise has won legions of fans and cadres of critics with gameplay in which triumph depends on acts such as carjacking, gambling and killing.

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Super Typhoon Usagi closes in on Taiwan and Philippines

HONG KONG (AFP) - Super Typhoon Usagi, the most powerful cyclone of 2013 so far, was closing in on Taiwan and the Philippines on Saturday, packing gusts of nearly 300 kilometres (185 miles) per hour and bringing storm surge and torrential rain.

Usagi, which intensified dramatically into a super typhoon in the early hours of Friday, is to roar through the Luzon Strait dividing the Philippines and Taiwan on Saturday morning as it barrels towards Hong Kong and the Chinese coast.

Taiwan's southern tip is set to be clipped by the storm's northeast quadrant, typically home to a tropical cyclone's

most powerful winds.

The US Navy's Joint Typhoon Warning Center said in a bulletin issued at 11:00 pm Friday (1500 GMT Friday) that Usagi was packing sustained winds of 130 knots (240 kph, 150 mph), with gusts of up to 160 knots (296kph, 185mph), making it the equivalent of a strong category four Atlantic hurricane.

"It is the strongest typhoon in the west Pacific region this year," a weather forecaster at the Taiwan Central Weather Bureau told AFP on Friday. Meteorologists have described Usagi as the most powerful tropical cyclone to form in 2013 so far.

The bureau said in a bulletin early Saturday that the

storm was moving west northwest at 19 kilometres an hour.

Taiwan's defence ministry Friday deployed more than 1,600 soldiers in "high risk" areas prone to flooding and landslides while placing 24,000 others on standby.

Philippine authorities on Friday evacuated some 240 people in the northern agricultural province of Tarlac, while ferries were restricted to their ports, stranding travellers.

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International News

Toddler among 13 wounded in Chicago gang shooting: police

CHICAGO (AFP) - Thirteen people -- including a toddler -- were wounded in a gang shooting in President Barack Obama's adopted hometown Chicago which has been struggling to stem violent crime, police said Friday.

The bloodshed Thursday night apparently came in a drive-by shooting targeting people playing basketball, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Among the victims was a three-year-old child who was in critical condition after being shot in the ear when gunfire erupted around 10:15 pm at a park on Chicago's troubled south side, police said.

"I think it was like an AK," said one neighbor quoted by the newspaper, referring to the famed Kalashnikov make of assault rifle.

"Man, it was a lot of shots. Man, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom. A little boy got hit in the face," the unnamed neighbor said.

Firefighters used hoses to wash blood off the basketball court when police finished examining the crime scene, photos published in the Tribune showed.

No one was reported killed and no one had been arrested as of Friday morning, police said.

"We believe that the motive for the shooting was gang-related," Ron Gaines, a spokesman with the Chicago Police Department, told AFP.

Many of the victims -- most in their teens, 20s and 30s -- were shot in the arms, legs or feet.

One 24-year-old man was shot twice in the abdomen and was in serious condition, police said.

The shooting comes as Chicago struggles to stem an epidemic of gang violence that helped push the city's murder toll up 16 percent last year, with 506 killed people.

Gun violence in Chicago

has continued at a slower but still-brisk pace this year despite a major police crackdown.

The number of murders so far is down 21 percent at 297 so far this year while the number of shootings is down 22 percent at 1,361, the latest crime report showed.

Obama returned to his adopted hometown earlier this year to appeal for an end to the "senseless" gun violence ravaging Chicago as he pressed for ambitious gun control measures, which so far have been stalled in the US Congress.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Obama's former chief of staff, vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice and urged people to brave fears of retaliation and talk to police.

"Senseless and brazen acts of violence have no place in Chicago and betray all that we stand for," he said in a statement.

Brazil couple nabbed for bid to sell baby girl online

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A couple who tried to sell their two-year-old daughter via Facebook has been arrested in the northeastern Brazilian city of Recife, police said.

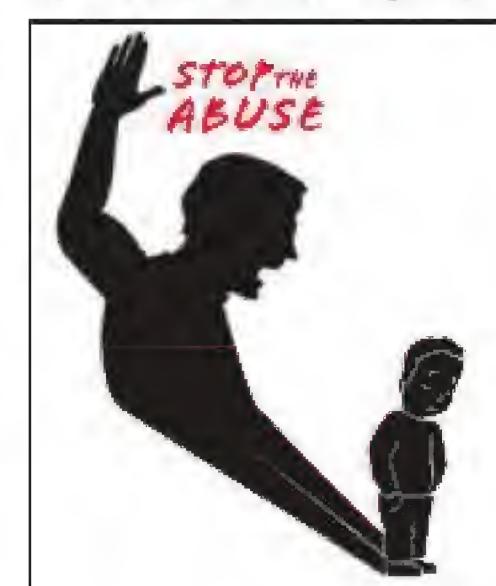
A police spokesman in Recife told AFP that the toddler's biological parents were arrested and jailed late Tuesday after failing to post bail set at \$6,666 each.

The girl was turned over to the city's child protective services.

"The 23-year-old mother said she needed money to travel to Europe for prostitution. The 40-year-old father did not say anything," the spokesman added.

A social worker from Campina Grande in Paraiba state reported the couple to authorities after reaching a monetary agreement for the transaction on Facebook.

"I am relieved to have changed the future of this child," said the social worker, who initially thought the case was a joke.





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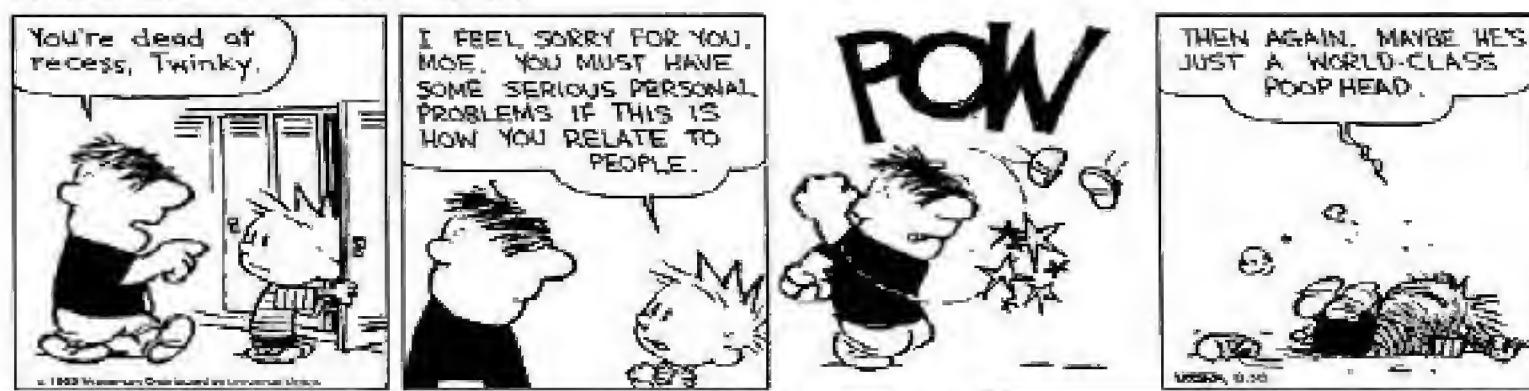
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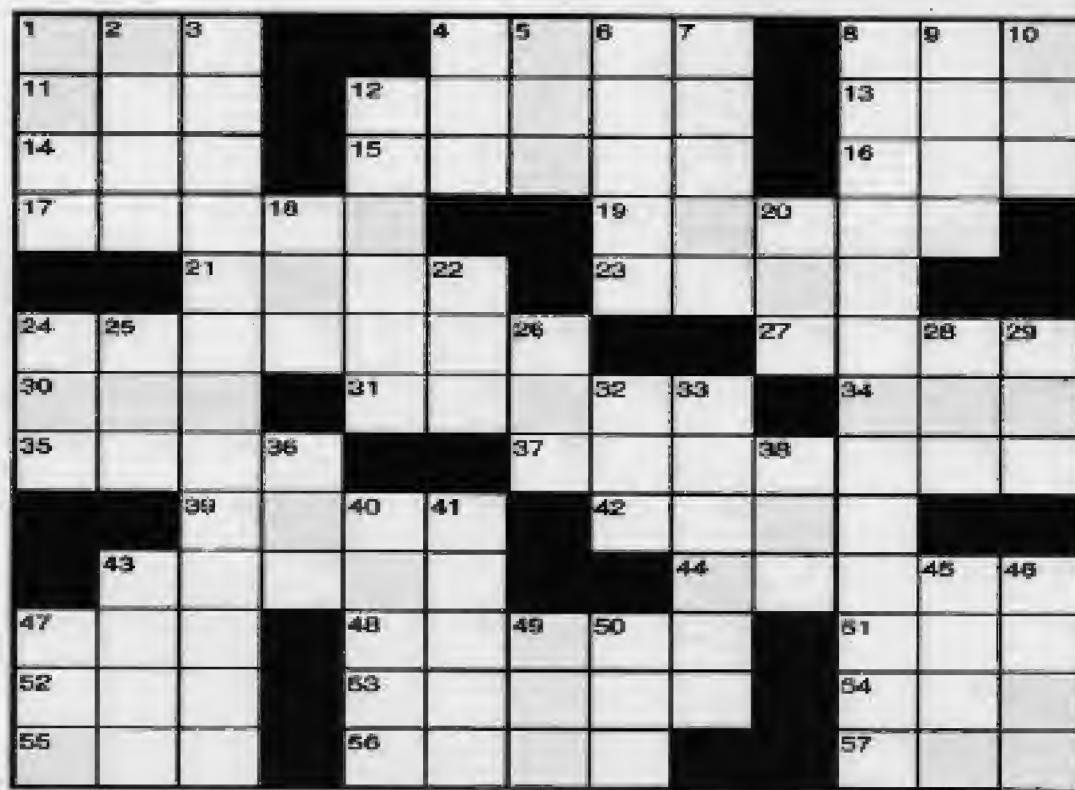
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FINANCE**US House approves spending bill, but shutdown looms**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The House of Representatives approved a stop-gap budget measure Friday that would keep the US government operating into fiscal year 2014 but defund President Barack Obama's health care law.

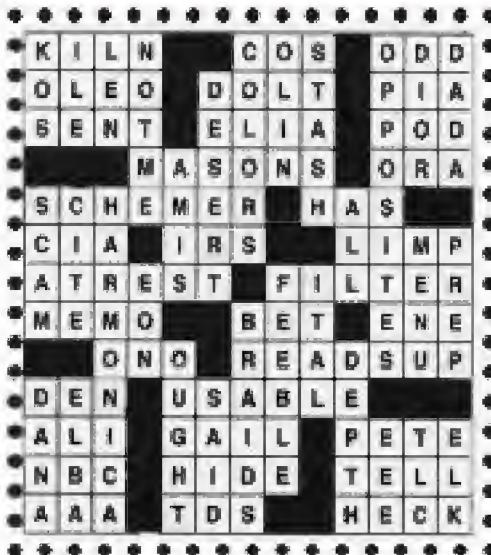
Lawmakers voted along party lines 230-189 in support of the so-called continuing resolution that funds government operations at current levels up to December 15, setting up a showdown with the Democratic-led Senate, which will consider the measure next week.

Many federal agencies and programs will shutter on October 1, day one of the coming fiscal year, if Congress and the president do not agree on a temporary budget measure.

But the Republican bill, in a nod to the party's more conservative wing, includes a provision that strips funding for the health care law, which its critics have nicknamed "Obamacare" and which the GOP has fought to repeal since its passage more than three years ago.

Inclusion of the controversial provision, however, virtually assures that the bill will not become law, and sends the nation careening toward a possible shutdown.

Obama looked beyond the shutdown threat to the next big budget battle just two weeks later -- the need to raise the

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Rich foreigners can 'buy' a Dutch residency permit for €1.25m

-- Rich foreigners are to be offered temporary residency permits if they agree to invest at least €1.25m in Dutch companies.

Junior justice minister Fred Teeven hopes the measure will provide an impulse for the Dutch economy, news agency ANP reported. The scheme will come into effect on October 1 and the permits will be valid for one year.

The economic affairs ministry will judge applications to see if they contain added value, such as generating jobs, before deciding if they should be accepted.

Officials will also look in detail at where the money comes from to prevent the ruling being used to launder money. Applicants will also be subjected to personal checks to ensure they are not a threat to public order.

Teeven expects several hundred requests, ANP said. Canada, the US, Australia, Britain, France and Ireland operate similar schemes.

But opposition MPs slammed the government's decision to offer temporary resi-

dency permits to rich foreigners as bitter and discriminatory.

'Someone who flees Somalia who is poor may well have to go back. But if you are rich from that same country you will be welcome. That is going too far,' Socialist Party MP Sharon Gesthuizen said.

The Netherlands already requires immigrants who want to bring a partner to the Netherlands to earn at least 120% of the minimum wage.

Prime minister Mark Rutte dismissed the criticism at his weekly press conference. 'If you have lots of money and you want to invest it, we are saying "come here",' he said. 'We are talking about a completely different group [to refugees].'

Oil prices mixed after volatile week

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices were mixed Friday, with London prices slightly higher despite easing Middle East supply concerns, while New York fell in trade shaped by the end of the October contract.

WTI crude for October delivery finished at \$104.67 a barrel in New York, down \$1.72 from Thursday.

Brent North Sea crude for November meanwhile gained 46 cents to stand at \$109.22 a barrel in London deals.

Analysts said the return of some production of Libyan oil fields and the easing of tensions in the Middle East after Syria agreed to a plan to put its chemical weapons arsenal under international control helped ease prices.

BlackBerry to cut 4,500 jobs amid losses

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - BlackBerry Friday said it would cut 4,500 jobs as the struggling Canadian smartphone maker retrenches in the face of hefty losses and weak sales of its new handsets.

BlackBerry said it expects a loss of \$950 to \$995 million in second quarter mostly due to writedowns linked to poor sales of its Z10 smartphone, the device aimed at reviving its fortunes in a market dominated by Android and Apple.

The company's highly-publicized launch of the BlackBerry 10 platform earlier this year failed to ignite sales. The company has said it is examining "strategic alternatives," including a possible sale of the

company.

The job cuts constitute 40 percent of the company's workforce and will take staffing down to 7,000.

The loss in the upcoming quarter includes a \$930 to \$960 million charge resulting "from the increasingly competitive business environment impacting BlackBerry smartphone volumes" and a \$72 million restructuring charge,

the company said.

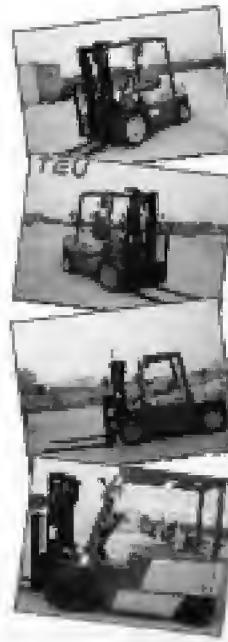
Revenues are projected at \$1.6 billion, well below the \$3.06 billion expected by analysts.

BlackBerry will cut its portfolio from six devices to four and expects to reduce its operating expenses by approximately 50 percent.

BlackBerry shares, which were suspended ahead of the news, were off 15.6 percent in late-afternoon trade.

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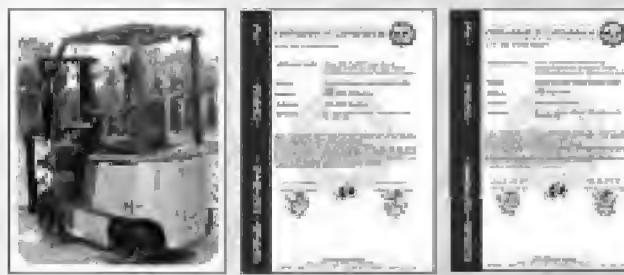
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Pope seeks historic easing of rigid Catholic doctrine

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis has urged a break with the Catholic Church's harsh "obsession" with divorce, gays, contraception and abortion, in an interview signalling a dramatic shift in the Vatican's tone.

The Argentine pope has brought a series of fresh perspectives to the notoriously rigid Church since his election in March, and his latest remarks on some of its key doctrines sent shock waves around the world.

"Revolutionary words", remarked Italy's biggest newspaper Corriere della Sera on Friday, while the International Herald Tribune's front page headline read: "Bluntly, Pope pushes shift in church."

In the 30-page interview published in Jesuit journals on Thursday, the pope urged "mercy" and understanding for those who often feel most discriminated against by the Church.

"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods. This is not possible. I have not spoken much about these things, and I was reprimanded for that," Francis said.

The pope said that when these issues were discussed, they had to be put in context.

"The dogmatic and moral teachings of the Church are not all equivalent. The Church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently."

"We have to find a new balance. Otherwise even the moral edifice of the Church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel."

Francis -- who has shown a strong reformist drive in his first few months in office --



said the Church needed more than anything to be able to "heal wounds".

On homosexuality he said the Church "does not want to" condemn gays, and that "it is not possible to interfere spiritually in the life of a person".

The 76-year-old pope stressed that the Church's official position had not changed, but said that it should "always keep in mind the individual".

The interview was published after the pope on Monday called for "another way" of treating divorcees who remarry -- a thorny issue since Catholics who wed a second time are currently not allowed to receive Holy Communion at mass.

In Thursday's interview, he also said the Church should be more merciful and welcoming towards women who had undergone abortions.

The confessional "is not a torture chamber", added the pope, saying priests should be neither too rigid nor too lax in their approach to the sacrament.

The remarks show a marked shift from his predecessors John Paul II and Benedict XVI hardline defence of the Church's strict doctrines.

Francis distinguishes between the sin and the sinner. He says that homosexuals are not inferior or different to oth-

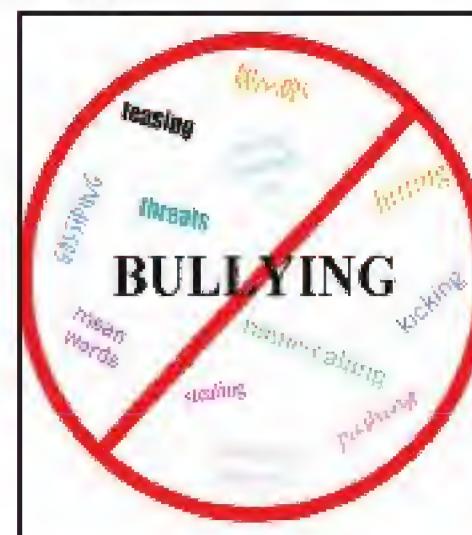
ers, the choice of how to live one's homosexuality being one of the mysteries of man," read an editorial by historian Lucetta Scaraffia in the Vatican daily Osservatore Romano.

"His Christianity is not a rigid puritanism without heart," she wrote in another Italian daily.

"Francis says: Church doctrine is what it is. It is useless to keep repeating the same things. What is important is to enter people's personal lives."

Swiss Catholic priest and theologian Hans Kueng wrote in the daily La Repubblica that he hoped the pope would seek concrete reforms, "permitting sacrament for the divorced who have remarried, the abolition of celibacy for priests, and female priesthood.

It remains to be seen whether Francis' views will translate to deeper change however.



Asia snaps up Apple's first gold-coloured iPhone



SINGAPORE (AFP) - Asian consumers have snapped up Apple's first gold-coloured iPhone, but many were left disappointed and frustrated at missing out during Friday's highly anticipated global launch of the SS.

From Japan to Singapore, China and Hong Kong, there was a particular clamour for the gold-coloured version, closely associated with wealth in Asian cultures.

It was not clear how many of the golden SS -- also avail-

able in silver and "space grey" -- were available.

Some people had been able to pre-order, if they were fast enough, but those who had not queued early -- or even overnight -- to get a piece of the "gold rush".

Favoured by emperors and representing wealth and luxury in Chinese culture, gold has become a badge of the country's newly wealthy.

In status-conscious Hong Kong, the golden version was almost nowhere to be found.



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The Mill Resort & Suites is perfect for people with special needs as it is a compact low rise resort with ground and first floor only, with elevator. So everything is close to each other. The resort is located across the street of the beach and about 10 minutes driving from down town.

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***PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

The Mill Resort & Suites is changing the PMS system from Fidelio to IQWARE Inc.

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The goal is to go live with the new system on September 5th, 2013. With this new system management will have better control of the inventories and will have more accu-

rate information and to facilitate the Front desk with a faster check in and checkout procedure. It's a innovation with a lot of new technologies and upgrades opportunities to ensure guests satisfaction and management control.

***SALES AND MARKETING:**

A new WEBPAGE for The Mill Resort & Suites is being designed. This will include new pictures and updated information and possibility to book online directly to the reservation system. Will share more features as soon this is done.

***MAINTENANCE:**

The resort is in the process to build two 2 new Bathroom



facility next to the Towel Hut service by the Pool area for Guests convenience. The goal is to have this project done by

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is

what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese."

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta).

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



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The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

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From an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

EUROBasket: France dethrone Spain in overtime Euro thriller



LJUBLJANA (AFP) - Two years after Spain broke their hearts in the final, France dethroned the two-time European champions on Friday and will meet Lithuania in the 2013 EuroBasket final.

France's superstar Tony Parker scored 32 points and Antoine Diot scored 10, including four free throws in the final 23 seconds, as France beat Spain 75-72 in overtime.

"It's just like practice. I can't think about the situation or I would miss the free throws every time," said Diot about his decisive foul shots.

Spain were paced by 18 points and nine rebounds from Marc Gasol while Rudy Fernandez scored 17 points for the champions who were hoping to

become the first nation to three-peat in Europe since Yugoslavia in 1977.

France returned to the final for the second time and will hope to knock off Lithuania for their first European crown.

Lithuania, who won the 2003 final 93-84 in Sweden, will be shooting for title number four thanks to a 77-62 win over Croatia.

Linas Kleiza collected 22 points, 11 rebounds and two assists while Jonas Maciulis drained four three-pointers in scoring 23 points and Mantas Kalnietis had 18 points and four assists.

"It is important for us, for our generation, now that most of the older guys have left the team. Our generation has

proved that we can play basketball and represent Lithuania too," said Maciulis, whose team will add another gold to triumphs in 1937, 1939 and 2003 or a second silver following 1995.

"I think we have proved something now and we need to take one more step."

Croatia had their eight-game winning streak snapped despite 15 points from Bojan Bogdanovic.

The Balkan side will face off against Spain looking for the bronze medal, which would be their third after 1993 and 1995.

"Honestly, from the first second (Lithuania) seemed to be stronger, faster, more reactive. They are stronger physically but they also looked fresher than our team," said Croatia coach Jasmin Repesa.

Ukraine started Friday by knocking off Italy 66-58 in fifth to eighth place classification action, a win which secures the 2015 European championship hosts a spot at the 2014 World Cup.

Today will see Ukraine play Slovenia for fifth place and Italy take on Serbia for seventh place.

The winner between Italy and Serbia will also book a ticket to the World Cup.

Football: FIFA concern over forfeited African games

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - A leading FIFA official expressed concern Friday at the number of 2014 World Cup Africa zone matches forfeited because of ineligible players.

Competitions director Mustapha Fahmy, a former CAF secretary-general, said Africa was the only continent experiencing this problem and needed help.

"A number of African teams have fallen foul of the rules of the competition, which are clearly spelt out," Fahmy said during a visit to CAF headquarters in Cairo.

"This happened only in Africa -- other continents like Europe, South America and Asia did not experience the same problems where disciplinary action had to be taken."

"FIFA needs to look into what happened and work on finding solutions and ways to



avoid similar occurrences in future," Fahmy said.

Cape Verde Islands, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Togo had victories changed to three-goal defeats after using ineligible footballers.

Burkina Faso and Gabon suffered a similar fate after draws and Equatorial Guinea had a single-goal loss turned into a three-goal defeat.

The latest case involved

success over Tunisia was changed to a 3-0 defeat that cost them a place in the final qualifying stage.

Romania-based defender Fernando Varela played in Tunis despite having served only two games of a four-match suspension.

FIFA are probing a Liberian fielded in a 4-1 away loss to Angola during September, although the outcome will not affect group winners Senegal.

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NFL: Reid makes successful return to Philly



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - The Kansas City Chiefs made Andy Reid's return to Philadelphia a successful one by beating the Eagles 26-16 in the lone National Football League game on Thursday night.

Reid, who coached 14 years in Philadelphia before joining the Chiefs this season, was given a standing ovation by the crowd at Lincoln Financial Field during the pre-game introductions.

Reid's Chiefs went out and surpassed their 2012 win total as they forced five turnovers in their victory.

They celebrated Thursday's win by soaking Reid with a bucket of Gatorade.

"It feels good. I feel like I've been doused in Gatorade and now I want to jump in the shower," Reid said.

Kansas City is the fifth team to win its first three games after dropping 14 games last season.

Alex Smith dominated the battle of the quarterbacks by completing 22-of-35 passes for 273 yards and no turnovers in the victory. Eagles quarterback Michael Vick completed just 13-of-30 passing attempts, with two interceptions.

Jamaal Charles carried the ball 20 times for 92 yards and a touchdown and added seven receptions for 80 yards, while

Donnie Avery hauled in seven receptions for 141 yards in the win.

LeSean McCoy ran for 158 yards and a score on 20 carries for Philadelphia, which dropped its second consecutive game after winning its opener in Washington against the Redskins.

The Eagles also retired former quarterback Donovan McNabb's No. 5 at a halftime ceremony.

"I appreciate everything you've done for me," McNabb told the sell-out crowd. "No. 5 will always love you."

The Chiefs' win kicks off week three of the season which also features a number of important matchups on Sunday.

The Houston travels to Baltimore where the 2-0 Texans will try to win their third straight contest on the game's last play against the 1-1 Ravens.

Denver is really clicking behind quarterback Peyton Manning but they will have their hands full with the Oakland Raiders' tough defense which has a league-best nine sacks so far.

In the Monday night game, former first round pick Trent Richardson will make his debut with the Indianapolis Colts against the San Francisco 49ers.

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Baseball: Yankees ace Pettitte to retire at season's end

NEW YORK CITY, September 20, 2013 (AFP) - Andy Pettitte, a star pitcher who came out of retirement last year for a second stint with the New York Yankees, said Friday he will call it quits for good after this season.

The 41-year-old US left-hander, who admitted in 2008 that he briefly used human growth hormones (HGH) in 2002 to help heal an injury, made his announcement 10 days before the end of the six-month Major League Baseball campaign.

Pettitte played on Yankees World Series championship teams in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2009 and pitched in the best-of-seven final eight times, including a 2005 run with the Houston Astros.



Pettitte, whose 218 wins for the Yankees ranks third on the club's all-time list and just 18 shy of Whitey Ford's all-time team record, is the all-time major league playoff leader in wins with 19, starts with 44 and innings pitched with 276 2/3.

Pettitte, the Yankees' all-time strikeout king, joins Panamanian relief ace Mariano Rivera in planning to depart the Yankees after the season.

The only clubs Pettitte has played for in his 18-year ca-

reer are the Yankees and Houston, compiling an overall record of 255-152 with a 3.86 earned-run average. While pitching for the Astros from 2004 through 2006, Pettitte went 37-26 with a 3.38 earned-run average over 84 games.

This season, Pettitte is 10-10 with a 3.93 earned-run average in 28 starts. Last Tuesday he allowed only one run on six hits over 6 2/3 innings but the Yankees lost 2-0 to Toronto.

MLB: Red Sox clinch playoff spot



BOSTON (AFP) - John Lackey's no-hit bid ended with a dramatic homer, but that didn't stop the Boston Red Sox from clinching a playoff spot with a 3-1 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

The AL East-leading Red Sox became the first American League team to clinch a playoff berth this season. The Los Angeles Dodgers won the National League West title earlier Thursday.

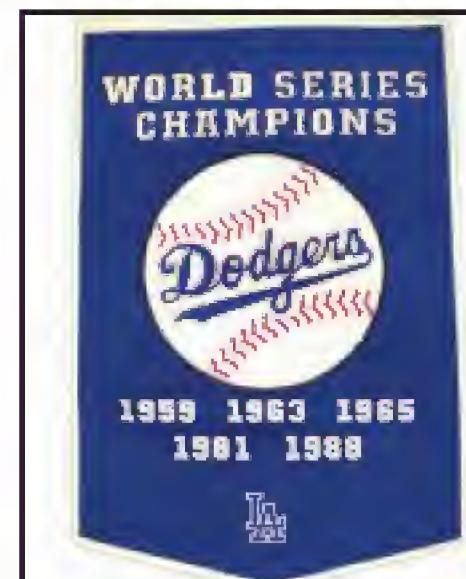
Pitcher Lackey threw a two-hitter for the Red Sox who claimed their first Major

League Baseball postseason trip since 2009.

Lackey took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before giving up a home run to Adam Jones. Undeterred, he surrendered only one other hit, a single, and struck out eight for his first complete game win since 2009.

It was the right-hander's 16th career complete game and second this season. The last time he did it was August 23 at Dodger Stadium against Los Angeles. The Red Sox lost that contest 2-0.

MLB: Dodgers clinch NL West title



ball club to claim a playoff spot.

Thursday's contest had its share of ups and downs, just like the Dodgers' season, as they squandered a comfortable lead then rallied from a three-run deficit for the victory.

A.J. Ellis' leadoff homer in the eighth inning snapped the 6-6 tie, allowing the Dodgers to claim their first division title in four years.

The Dodgers, who have the second highest payroll in North American baseball at \$216 million, got off to an awful 30-42 start to the season, sparking calls for manager Don Mattingly to be fired.

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BOSTON	93	61	.604	-	
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BALTIMORE	81	71	.533	11.0	
YANKEES	80	73	.523	12.5	
TORONTO	70	82	.461	22.0	
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	
DETROIT	89	64	.582	-	
CLEVELAND	83	70	.542	6.0	
KANSAS	80	72	.526	8.5	
MINNESOTA	65	87	.428	23.5	
CHICAGO	60	92	.395	28.5	
West	W	L	Pct	GB	
OAKLAND	90	63	.588	--	
TEXAS	83	69	.546	6.5	
LA ANGELES	74	78	.487	15.5	
SEATTLE	67	86	.438	23.0	
HOUSTON	51	102	.333	39.0	
West	W	L	Pct	GB	
DODGERS	87	65	.575	-	
ARIZONA	77	75	.507	10.5	
SAN DIEGO	71	81	.467	16.5	
SAN FRANCISCO	71	82	.464	17.0	
COLORADO	70	84	.455	18.5	

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

PHOENIX (AFP) - Hanley Ramirez blasted two homers and drove in four runs as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied to beat Arizona 7-6, becoming the first Major League Base-

Athletics: Seven positive tests at Moscow worlds - IAAF

PARIS (AFP) - Seven athletes, including one finalist, tested positive for doping at August's World Athletics Championships in Moscow, track and field's world governing body, the IAAF, announced on Friday.

The IAAF said it took a total of 1,919 blood samples and carried out 538 urine test during the competition and 132 during the pre-competition period.

Seven athletes failed urine tests, the IAAF confirmed, with just one having appeared in a final: Ukrainian Roman Avramenko, who finished fifth in the men's javelin, but tested positive for steroid dehydrochloromethyltestosterone.

The six others were named as Afghan Massoud Azizi (men's 100m; nandrolone metabolites), Ukrainian Elyzaveta Bryzgina (women's 200m; drostanolone), Kazakhstan's Ayman Kozhakhetova (women's 20km walk; exogenous testosterone + EPO), Iran's Ebrahim Rahimian (men's 20km walk; EPO), Turkmenistan's Yelena Ryabova (women's 200m; dehydrochloromethyltestosterone); and Guatemalan Jeremias Saloj (men's marathon; EPO).

The seven athletes have either already been sanctioned or provisionally suspended, the IAAF said.

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Tennis: King's Battle of Sexes win over Riggs resonates 40 years later

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in the legendary tennis "Battle of the Sexes" exactly 40 years ago Friday, serving notice of a new era dawning.

Before 30,472 people at the Houston Astrodome, still the largest crowd ever to watch a US tennis match, a 29-year-old King beat 55-year-old Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, in a victory hailed in 1973 as a triumph for women's equality.

"My life is about equal op-

portunities for boys and girls, but women are so far behind, so it has taken up more of my time," King said last month in interviews to commemorate the upcoming anniversary.

It was 40 years ago when the US Open began offering equal prize money for men's and women's players -- something every Grand Slam event does now -- and this year also marks the 40th anniversary of the WTA Tour, which has championed the women's em-

powerment message that King took to new levels.

Riggs, who died in 1995 at age 77, had beaten Australian Margaret Court, who owns a record 24 Grand Slam titles, 6-2, 6-1 in May of 1973, playing up comments that women's tennis was inferior and no top woman could defeat him even at age 55.

But King outplayed Riggs in the Texas showdown, ignoring the hype and hoopla around

the promotion to silence his rants.

King still pushes for equal treatment for women in areas of the world where limitations remain a part of their everyday life.

"We have a long way to go, but I think women's tennis is such a great leader not only in women's sports but for all women globally," King said.

Among those to congratulate King on the anniversary

day via Twitter were singer Elton John, endurance swimmer Diana Nyad, US Presidential advisor Valerie Jarrett and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki, who said, "40 years ago today, equality rocked the world."

King is still fighting.

"It's very important for women to keep pushing forward, because it's important that young boys and girls see us as strong," she said.